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In split decision

## County BOE awards pay raise to superintendent

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Wednesday morning, June 27, for a special meeting and voted, in a split decision, to give Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram a raise.

The board held a work session prior to the start of Wednesday's meeting to discuss the possibility of giving Ingram a raise. At the Thursday, June 7, board meeting a motion was tabled calling for Ingram to be granted a raise.

The (tabled) motion, made by board chairman Charles Walker, called for a 5 percent pay raise for the 2006-07 school year, a 7 percent pay raise for the 2007-08 school year if the state approves the legislation regarding proposed pay raises for educators (which has been approved since the June 7th meeting). Also in his motion, Walker said he would like to see Ingram receive any other state approved pay raise for educators in the future without board approval.

During last Wednesday's meeting, board member Annette Griswold made a motion with a second from board member Galen McWaters to remove Walker's motion from the table. This was approved which opened the matter for discussion.

McWaters made an amended motion to grant Ingram a 4.5 percent pay raise for the 2007-08 school year. He received a second from Griswold, but the motion failed by a 2-5 vote. McWaters and Griswold voted in favor while board members Walker, Danny Jernigan, Jimmy Clark, Larry Eddins and Rubin McKinnon cast the opposing votes.

Board member Jimmy Clark then offered another amended motion to grant Ingram a 10 per-

## Coffee County resident pleads guilty to 2-counts of manslaughter

As trial was set to begin last Tuesday, June 26, at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Jason Senn instead pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter.

Senn was set to face trial for two counts of murder for the 2006 deaths of Jeremy Paul Jackson, age 20, and Amber LeeAnn Ogburn, age 18. Jackson and Ogburn were fatally injured Feb. 3, 2006 in a one-vehicle accident which occurred on Coffee County Road 215.

Senn reportedly was under the influence of alcohol when his vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a tree. Jackson and Ogburn were passengers in Senn's vehicle.

Prior to the start of the murder trial, Circuit Judge Tom Head said a plea agreement had been reached, and Senn was allowed to enter a guilty plea to two counts of manslaughter.

Judge Head sentenced Senn to five years in prison for each count of manslaughter. He said the sentences will run concurrently, and Senn will be given credit for jail time already spent.

Senn will reportedly spend three years of his 5-year sentence in custody and will spend the other two years on probation.

Judge Head ordered Senn to turn himself in to the Coffee County Jail no later than Noon on Thursday, July 26, to begin his prison term.

cent raise. This motion died for lack of a second.

Back to the original motion, board members continued a noticeably tense discussion regarding Ingram's current salary and proposed pay raise percentages for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

Several references were made to Ingram's current contract which renewed in 2004. At that time, Ingram's salary was set at \$107,500 per year. With the proposed percentage increases (which Walker said match those

given to other educators during the designated years) Ingram's salary will increase to \$112,875 for the 2006-07 school year and \$120,776 for the 2007-08 school year.

Also during discussion, McWaters asked if approval of Walker's motion would relinquish the board's control of Dr. Ingram's salary. The answer was yes due to the portion of the motion that called for the superintendent to also receive any other state approved pay raise for educators in the future without board approval.

After a call for a vote, Walker's motion was approved by a 5-2 vote. Walker, Jernigan, Clark, Eddins and McKinnon voted in favor while the opposing votes came from Griswold and McWaters.

Following the vote, McWaters said his vote reflected nothing personal against the superintendent's performance. He said he simply disagreed with the amount of the raise and the board relinquishing control of the superintendent's salary.

Also during Wednesday's board meeting, several personnel matters were unanimously approved. These included:

**Certificated**  
Employees recommended and approved for voluntary transfer:

- Transfer Sandy Reeves from her position as first grade teacher at Kinston School to that of sixth grade teacher at Kinston School.

- Transfer Diane Calhoun from her position as reading teacher at Zion Chapel School to that of first grade teacher at Kinston School.

- Transfer Larry Cotney from his position as social studies/health teacher at Kinston School to that of grades 7-12 social studies/health teacher at

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## Coffee County blessed with rain



Last week Alabama Governor Bob Riley asked citizens to pray for rain. By the weekend, those prayers were seemingly answered in parts of the state including Coffee County. While much, much more rain is still needed to overcome this summer's drought, the overall consensus from the weekend was thankfulness for the rains that did make their way through the state and county. Due to the lack of rain, many residents have not had much use for their rain gauges this summer, but that was not the case this past weekend as the showers moved through the area. The gauge shown above registered an inch and a half of rainfall Sunday, July 1, at one Coffee County home north of Elba. More than one inch of rain also fell on Saturday, June 30, at the same home.

## Area Happenings

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking applications for the position of Firefighter II. The position is a full-time position with a salary of \$12,000 per year. The position is open until August 1, 2007. For more information, contact the Elba Volunteer Fire Department at 871-189.



**ELBA FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKS MOTORISTS TO "FILL THE BOOT"...**When help is needed, members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department respond to the call. Last weekend, however, the firefighters were out this time asking others for help. The members of the department participate annually in the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) "Fill the Boot" drive designated for Jerry's Kids. The 4-hour "Fill the Boot" drive held last Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until Noon placed firefighters at most all of the major intersections in Elba accepting monetary donations from motorists. The boot drive has proven through the years to be a successful fund raising event for the local fire department, and last weekend's event was no different. During the 4-hour span, the fire department was able to raise approximately \$3,100 that will be donated to MDA for Jerry's Kids. Above, firefighters Josh Mack is shown accepting a donation from an out-of-state motorist traveling through Elba on his way to the beach with his family for the Fourth of July holiday.

## Elba BOE members vote to hire new band director

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The June meeting of the Elba School Board saw a rotation of the board leadership.

Long time board member Reverend Aubrey Williams again assumed the position of Board President and Josh Wilson was named Vice President. The positions are rotated annually between all board members.

It was announced that the Elba Elementary School reading coaching staff has been selected by the U. S. Department of Education to make a presentation at the National Reading First Conference in St. Louis, Missouri during the week of July 16-20.

Board members were also

told that over one million dollars in scholarships were presented to 41 out of 63 graduating seniors in the school term ending in May of this year.

Superintendent Danny Weeks also updated board members on summer work projects ongoing at the respective schools. These include erosion control on the campus, reflooring the elementary gym (contract let to Terrel Enterprises of Greenville), tiling the floors of first grade classrooms, repairs to restrooms making sure every fixture is working properly, painting some classrooms and adding curbing and sidewalks.

A review of the financial statements of the school system revealed relatively good numbers. Also announced was that the Elba system would be

receiving \$939,000 from the state passed Capital Projects bond issue. This money can't be spent on salaries, etc. and must be used on buildings or grounds improvements which are preapproved by the state department of education.

The projects being considered by the local board include replacing roofing on some parts of the school complex.

The board also approved the recommendation of Superintendent Danny Weeks and named Assistant Principal Shane Casey principal of Elba High School. New teachers hired at the high school include Stephanie Swanson as special education teacher and Shaun

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Assistant Chief Dennis Manning

Dennis Manning began serving 21 years ago as a member of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. He currently serves as assistant chief.

Manning said he decided to join the department to help others in a time of need. His special training includes: Firefighter II, Fire Officer I, Fire Instructor I, Vehicular Extrication, HazMat technician and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

When asked about his most memorable experiences since joining the department, Manning said, "the most memorable experience would have to be the floods of 1990, '94 and '98." He also recalled the recent tornado that left Enterprise in destruction.

Manning said building an unforgettable bond between the members of the fire department, past and present, is what he enjoys most about being a member of the Elba department.

He also is employed by the Fort Rucker Fire Department and serves as a lieutenant.

Dennis' family includes his

wife, Catina; daughters, Shea and Brooke Manning; and son, Michael Spurlin. His hobbies

include hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.







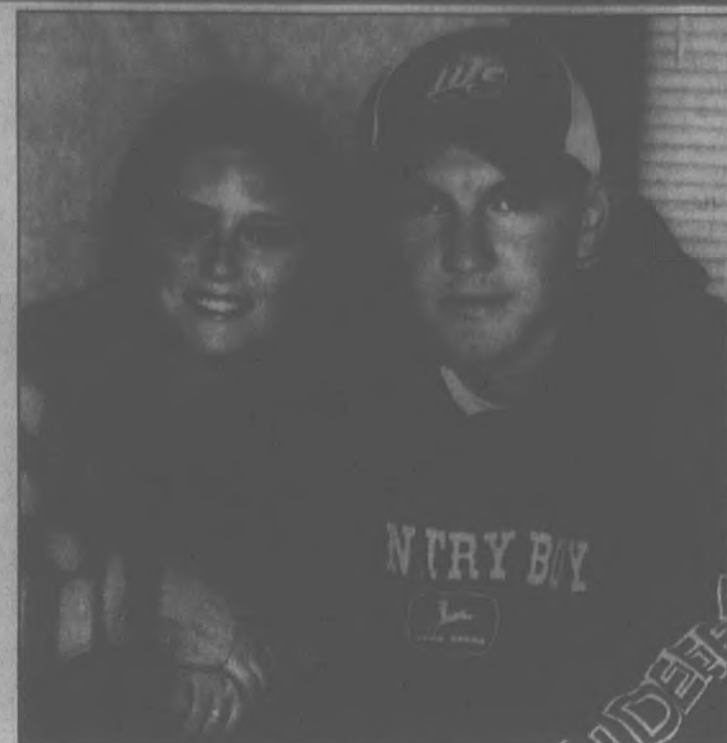
# LIFESTYLES

## Jerkins Family Reunion set for July 7th

The Jerkins Family Reunion will be held July 7, 2007 at the Loxley Civic Center located in the Loxley Municipal Park on Highway 59. The reunion will start at 9 a.m. and will last until 5 p.m. Each family is asked to bring covered dishes of food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Paper products, eating utensils and ice will be furnished. The Jerkins Family Research and a good size picture display will be on display for everyone to enjoy. Everyone is encouraged to bring family information and pictures for the family to enjoy.

For more information contact: Doris Hastings, 22671 Circle Drive, Robertsdale, Ala. 36567, Home: (251) 947-5499 or Cell: (251) 979-7543, or contact: Voncie Harris, 1075 Ellison Street, Loxley, Ala., 36551, Home: (251) 964-5999.



Miss McLendon & Mr. Clark

## Miss McLendon and Mr. Clark to be united in marriage on Saturday, July 7

Crystal McLendon and Wesley Clark of Jack, Alabama announce their forthcoming marriage on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Zion

Auburn University's area

Dean List for Spring

2007 announced

Coffee

Elba

College of Education

Lyndsay K Lawford

College of Liberal Arts

Mary K Head

New Brockton

College of Business

Brandon C Allen

College of Liberal Arts

Sean Martin Blough

## King-Wiley wedding planned for July 21 at Auburn United Methodist Founder's Chapel

Daniel and Paula King of Opelika announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Grace, to Larry Phillip Wiley, Jr., son of Larry and Ellen Wiley of Valdosta, Georgia. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Elmer and Grace

Taylor of Auburn and formerly of Elba, Marvin and Estelle Cox of Opelika, and the late Walton King.

She is a graduate of Opelika High School and Columbus State University. She is employed with the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Patsy Wiley of Blakeley, Georgia, the late Billy Wiley and the late Luther and Audrey Waller. He is a graduate of Auburn High School and Auburn University. He is employed with Central Alabama Community College and the United States Tennis Association. The wedding will be an event of July 21, 2007 at 2:30 in the Auburn United Methodist Founder's Chapel.



Miss King and Mr. Wiley

## UA's Moundville Park Flintknapping class will be July 14

Some of the Southeast's best stone crafters will teach participants how Native Americans transformed ordinary rocks into useful tools and arrowheads during the July 14 Flintknapping Class and Gathering at The University of Alabama's Moundville Archaeological Park.

Flintknapping is one of man's oldest crafts, said Betsy Gilbert, education outreach coordinator for the park. All around the earth humans have chipped rocks into tools and weapons for thousands of years. Until Europeans came to the Americas, Native Americans knapped stone arrow and spear points, knife blades, scrapers, drills and numerous other implements, she said.

The annual summer event, which is open to participants 12 and older, is one of the park's most popular workshops, said Gilbert. Class size is limited. Registration is \$35. For more information or to register, contact Gilbert at 205/371-2234 or bgilbert@ua.edu.



Pictured L to R: Betty Sessions, Pat Presley & Pat Schrand

## Alabama Farmers Federation Women's Committee promotes pork

At a recent meeting of the Alabama Farmers Federation the annual pork cooking contest was held. The winners were Betty Sessions, Pat Presley and Pat Schrand. The winning recipes follow:

1st place: Betty Session's PASTA WITH SAUSAGE AND MIXED VEGETABLES

1 5 oz. package of medium egg noodles  
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms-diced  
1 cup fresh broccoli flowerets  
1/2 cup chopped zucchini  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
1 Teaspoon garlic powder  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1/2 inch slices  
6 large cherry tomatoes-halved  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided  
Cook noodles according to package directions-drain.  
Saute next seven ingredients in butter in a large skillet 3 to 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add sausage; cover and cook over medium heat 2 minutes. Stir in tomatoes; heat thoroughly. Stir in 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese; spoon the sausage mixture over the noodles. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. 6-8 servings.

2nd place: Pat Presley's Smoked GRILL SAUSAGE

1-2 packages Kelley's stuffed (length) smoked sausage.  
Cut sausage in 3/4 inch lengths. Put on grill (not too hot) for 30-40 minutes. Using toothpick dip in spicy brown mustard, if desired. Excellent as an hors d'oeuvre.

3rd Place: Pat Schrand's Cheesy SAUSAGE BISCUITS

3 cans biscuits, 10 count  
1 lb. pork sausage  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 3 oz. package cream cheese, softened  
1/4 teaspoon thyme  
1 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained and chopped  
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

## Notice From Coffee County School System

The special education department of the Coffee County School System will destroy inactive special education student records during the week of Aug. 20, 2007.

All inactive confidential special education student records dated prior to school year 2000-2001 will be destroyed.

Any former student or parent wishing to have their or their child's special education records should contact Rebecca Hardman, special education coordinator, Coffee County Schools, at (334) 897-5016 by Aug. 20.

Identification will be required prior to release of records.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

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## Mary Whitney Long is one year old

Mary Whitney Long recently celebrated her 1st birthday at home with family and friends. A celebration "Teddy Bear" cake holding balloons and ice cream were served to the guests. Mary Whitney is the daughter of Victor and Whitney Wise Long of St. Simons Island, Ga. She has three big brothers, Bentley, 7; John Wise, 3; and Ellis, 2.

Grandparents are John Long, Ormond Beach, Fla.; Rona Long, St. Simons Island, Ga.; Robin Earl and Shirley Morgan, Enterprise and the late James J. Wise, Jr. Elba.

Great-grandmothers are Mary Lacey of Red Level and the late Mary Alice Wise of Elba.

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Britainy Mobley

Britainy Mobley graduates from McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford

Britainy Mobley, daughter of Wilson and Zelda Mobley, graduated from McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University in Birmingham on May 26, 2007. She graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. She is the granddaughter of Merle Bragg and the late Dock Bragg. She is also the granddaughter of Marie Mobley and the late C. W. Mobley Sr.

Kelley/Gibson Family

Reunion to be held July 7th

The descendants of Buck Kelly and Fannie Gibson Kelly will be having a family reunion Friday, July 6, 2007 at 6 p.m. and Saturday July 7, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the conference room of the New Brockton farm center complex. Family and friends contact Annie Starling and Charles Donaldson at 334-894-5301 for more information.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Benefit Barbecue for Marilyn Eddins planned for July 28th

A benefit barbecue for Marilyn Eddins will be held on Saturday, July 28, with pick up at Jack Assembly of God fellowship hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Barbecue chicken plates will be available for a donation. For more information contact: 897-3792, 897-5099, or 897-3463.

## Benefit singing to be held at Jack Assembly of God

A benefit singing featuring the Mann Kirkland Singers will be held on Friday, July 20 at Jack Assembly of God. The singing will begin at 7 p.m. Hot dog plates will be available for a donation in the church fellowship hall from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Native American Missions.

## Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church will have revival services

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church will host a revival July 9-11, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. Monday night's guest speaker will be Rev. Larry Grimm and the singers will be the church choir, Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Tuesday night's guest speaker will be Rev. Michael Lawler and the singers will be the church choir, Brundidge United Methodist Church. Wednesday night's guest speaker will be Shirley Ellis and the singers will be the church choir, Haw Hill Assembly of God.

## Homecoming set for Sunday July 8, at Bluff Springs Baptist Church

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming 2007 on Sunday, July 8, 2007. The homecoming service will begin at 11 a.m. with special singers, The Mercy Rain, from Enterprise. Following the service at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Donnie Marler will be a fellowship dinner.

## Everyone is invited to attend Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to celebrate homecoming

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church Homecoming will be held Sunday, July 8 beginning at 11 a.m. The homecoming speaker will be Rev. David (Doc) Kirby.

## Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:1-34

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Mae Dell King, Catherine Johnson, Helen Hightower, The Caldwell Family

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Grady and Brenda Brooks July 2 (Wedding Anniversary) Larry and Louella Folmar July 3 (Wedding Anniversary), Pete Daniels July 6 (In Memory Of), Milton and Cathylene Cross July 6 (Wedding Anniversary), Joyce Belcher Johnson July 7, Tammy Rogers July 7 (In Memory Of), Henry Rowe July 9, Evelyn Y. Belcher Manning July 8

THE WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM CELEBRATION will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala. on Sunday, July 8, 2007 beginning at 3 p.m. The theme will be "The Harlot House of Jerico, Lineage of King David". Joshua 2. The guest minister will be

Pastor Tony C. Scott, pastor of Johns Chapel A. M. E., Enterprise, Ala. THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress will be held at The Mulberry Education Building on Friday, July 14 at 9:30 a.m. The theme will be "Keeping Christ in the Center. Emphasis: The Centrality of Christ." HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church beginning Sunday, July 8 through July 14. Homecoming Services will be held on Sunday, July 8 beginning at 2:30 a.m. The guest minister will be Moderator W. L. Peterson, Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Elba. Revival services will be held July 9-14 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. The evangelist for the week will be Rev. Roderick Rideaux of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Elba. Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor of Elba United Methodist Church

## "Only God can heal"

READ PROVERBS 14:34

As we approach the 4th of July, our Independence Day as a nation, I am deeply concerned more than ever about our future as a nation. America is a divided nation. Perhaps America is more divided than at any time since the Civil War. Jesus said, "a divided house will not stand."

Our nation is divided over the war in Iraq, immigration issues, global warming, and you name it. It seems that in Congress no one wants to do what is best for America, but what will help them defeat the other side. Liberal thinking and political correctness are doing more to cause this strife than anything else. America will not be healed until America turns away from its sinful ways and secular thinking. America was founded on Christian principles. Our forefathers were men of strong faith, moral integrity and Christian ideals. We see very little of that in Washington today.

Until Americans realize the plight of our country and elect people who want to make America whole again, we will be a divided nation. Until Americans pray about God being the foundation of our country, we will be a divided house. I don't know about you, but I plan to do both because I love America. Only God can make America strong and whole again. Think about it as you celebrate America's birthday.

# Church Directory

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| <p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b><br/>Samsom, Ala.<br/>Rev. Robert Long, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. 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Morgan-Minister<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Phillip Nelson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Phillip Nelson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Phillip Nelson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Phillip Nelson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. 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Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRATHE &amp; GLOVE WORSHIP CENTER</b><br/>Rev. Betty Morris, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. A. R. Williams, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROBTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Joe Harris, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Earl Smith, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b><br/>Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Donnie Marler, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b><br/>Rev. Shelly Neil &amp; Doug Lawson, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Randall Pearson<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISSE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Rev. Kenneth Hagler, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Donnie Marler, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Mike Medley, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Chris Barrow, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.<br/>Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br/>Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. John Isaacs, Pastor<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morn. 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## ELBA DIVISION

## FARMERS LIVESTOCK

## COOPERATIVE, an Alabama

## Corporation, MAX BOZEMAN,

## J.R. and ROBERT KILCREASE,

## Plaintiffs,

## vs.

## STOCKHOLDER OF FARM-

## ERS LIVESTOCK COOPERATIVE,

## Defendants.

## CASE NO. CV 07-43

## NOTICE OF ACTION FOR

## JUDICIAL DISOLUTION OF

## COOPERATIVE AND FOR

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## Please take notice that a

## Complaint for Judicial

## Dissolution of Cooperative and

## for Declaratory Judgment in the

## above styled matter has been

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## seeking to dissolve Farmers

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## erly distribute the assets of the

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## SPORTS

# THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have been trying my best to talk the girls into saving their money this summer so they can help out when they head off to college in August, but the only drawback is they ask for money almost every time they head out the door, and my little cookie jar now has nothing but nickels and pennies in it. Oh well, I guess they can help me now or help me later. Just please help!

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* District baseball tournaments will begin this weekend across the state, and here in South Alabama three Elba All-Star teams will swing back into action. Elba teams advancing to the District Tournaments include the Dixie Youth, Dixie Boys and Dixie Pre-Majors, and after talking with all three coaches they are all confident their teams have solid shots at moving on to the state tournament. Over in softball, the Elba Dixie Debs also made it to the District level, and as the week opened the All-Stars were only two wins away from making a trip to the state tournament. Elba fielded a total of nine all-star teams from its leagues this spring, and with four teams making it to district, I would have to say it was a pretty good post-season for the all-star teams.

\*\*\* Elba High School will move its annual preseason football game to Tiger Stadium this season after playing the Foggy Bottom Classic at Miller Stadium for the past five years, and while the change may dampen some of the enthusiasm for many fans, the opponent should pump new life into the annual event as Elba will host Luverne. The Tigers dropped their long time rivals from Crenshaw County a few years back and put an end to their longest and most exciting rivalry. However, now that the two rivals will meet again it will mean nothing that the game doesn't count on the records, it will still be Elba vs. Luverne, and it should be a classic. Maybe we can change the name to the Mack Wood Memorial.

\*\*\* A weekly newspaper in Enterprise had a feature on the New Brockton football team that made it to the state finals under Coach Leavy Boutwell and it was great reading for all area high school football fans. I followed the team in the playoffs that season and made the long trip up to Hazelwood for the finals, and can remember it was so cold that the flash on the camera froze before the game started and I had to borrow some high speed film from Jim Casel so the Gamecocks fans would have photos from the game. It was a very memorable season, and Scott Flowers did a great job bringing it back to life.

\*\*\* In closing... in my opinion, the worst thing that ever happened to high school athletics was the move by the AHSAA a few years back that made it legal for high schools across the state to hold mandatory summer work-outs in all sports. There is no doubt the big time football programs led the way in this, and in smaller communities all the change resulted in was making the young student-athletes give up their summer vacation and head to the school at least four days a week to lift weights and run. Here in Elba the work-outs have hurt the recreation programs, taken several players away from all-star teams (both boys and girls) and possibly could keep some youngsters off the teams that were forced to work during the summer to help their family with much needed financial aid. High school athletics was never intended to be a year round job, and to me it seems many high school coaches have made being a student-athlete too much of a sacrifice. I know it will never happen, but my proposal would be to either eliminate spring football practice or to make the month of June a "no contact" month for the coaches and students. School starts four weeks before the opening football game, and after working out in July that should be more than enough time to get a team ready to play. High school athletics is an amateur competition, and less than ten percent of the players get scholarships to college. It just doesn't seem fair to the other youngsters that just want to play for the "love of the game." Maybe one day the people that makes the rules will remember that in high school it isn't supposed to be a business.

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## Viper Series returns July 7 Billy Maxie wins fifty-lap roadrunner feature at SAS

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway's Roadrunner class had special 50-lap Feature Sunday night. Billy Maxie led flag to flag to win the long distance event, then passed an even longer time in post race inspection to take home the winner's trophy.

Maxie grabbed the lead from the outside pole and never was challenged in the event. Tim Peters made his way from the sixth starting spot to finish second. Peters closed slightly on Maxie late in the race, but ran out of laps before mounting a serious challenge. Tony Tidwell crossed the line third, ahead of LaDunn Stokes, and John Singletary. After the race, the top finishers were pulled into the tech area, and put through a lengthy inspection. Tidwell lost his third place finish after failing the inspection dues to his shocks.

The Super Stock race featured close action up front with Buddy Pitts, Jody Henderson, and Heath Mills battling for the win. Pitts started from the pole and grabbed the early lead with Mills on his bumper. Henderson was all over Mills trying to get the runner up spot. On lap 14, Henderson used the outside line to pass Mills. Henderson began pursuit of Pitts with his best shot coming after a lap 21 caution. Once again, Henderson used the outside to make his move, but this time, he couldn't find the grip he needed to complete the pass. Pitts led Henderson to the checkers by a car length.

Teddy Sasser led all 25 laps to win the Vintage Feature. Sasser grabbed the lead from the pole and steadily pulled away to collect the win. Corbitt Moseley kept Sasser close in the early going, but with the race going green all the way, Sasser eased away from the competition.

It was a battle of brothers in the Coyote Feature with Max Nelson beating Aaron Nelson. Aaron Nelson led the first four laps before Max took control and pulled away for the win. Michael Smith, starting seventh, followed Max Nelson through the field to finished third.

The fans were awarded another exciting race with the CupLites Feature. Will Mack

and Shane Riffel battled for the top spot with Mack finally winning the war. Gary Anderson led the first three laps before before Mack took control. Riffel, starting at the rear of the field wasn't going to set back and let Mack rest up front. On lap 20, Riffel made the move to the front. However, Mack wasn't giving up either, and took the lead two laps later as the field ran up on lapped traffic. Once back out front, Mack led the remaining four laps to take the popular win.

South Alabama Speedway action will continue on July 7 with the Pro Late Model Viper Series scheduled. Along with the Massasauga 100 Pro Late Model Feature, the Modified, Roadrunner, Mini Sportman, and CupLite classes are also scheduled. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at [www.southalabamiaspeedway.com/](http://www.southalabamiaspeedway.com/)

## Results

**Super Stock**  
1. Buddy Pitts  
2. Jody Henderson  
3. Heath Mills  
4. Ken Peris  
5. Ryan Radmon  
DNS David Ashley

**Vintage**  
1. Teddy Sasser  
2. Corbitt Moseley  
3. Jamie Ater  
4. Darryl Rudd  
5. Steve Stewart

**Roadrunner**  
1. Billy Maxie  
2. Tim Peters  
3. LaDunn Stokes  
4. John Singletary  
5. Charles Gurdner  
DQ Tony Tidwell (3)

**Coyote**  
1. Max Nelson  
2. Aaron Nelson  
3. Michael Smith  
4. Dustin Jowers  
5. Clint Berry

**CupLites**  
1. Will Mack  
2. Shane Riffel  
3. Ken Younce Sr.  
4. Gary Anderson  
5. Don Eply

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\$25 for an adult tournament pass  
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\$50 for a family tournament pass (up to five family members must reside in same household)

\$5 for an adult daily pass  
\$3 for a student daily pass (ages 6-18)

Preparations continue for the series, which starts with a banquet on Aug. 16, and opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Aug. 17 at Crum Possee Field on the campus of LBW Community College.

"Opening ceremonies are shaping up to be a great family event," says Dwight Mikel,

tournament director. "We will honor those who are serving and those who have served in the armed forces. For the opening ceremony, we will have several special guests including local, state and national dignitaries. Also, anyone who has served in the military will receive complimentary admission for opening day."

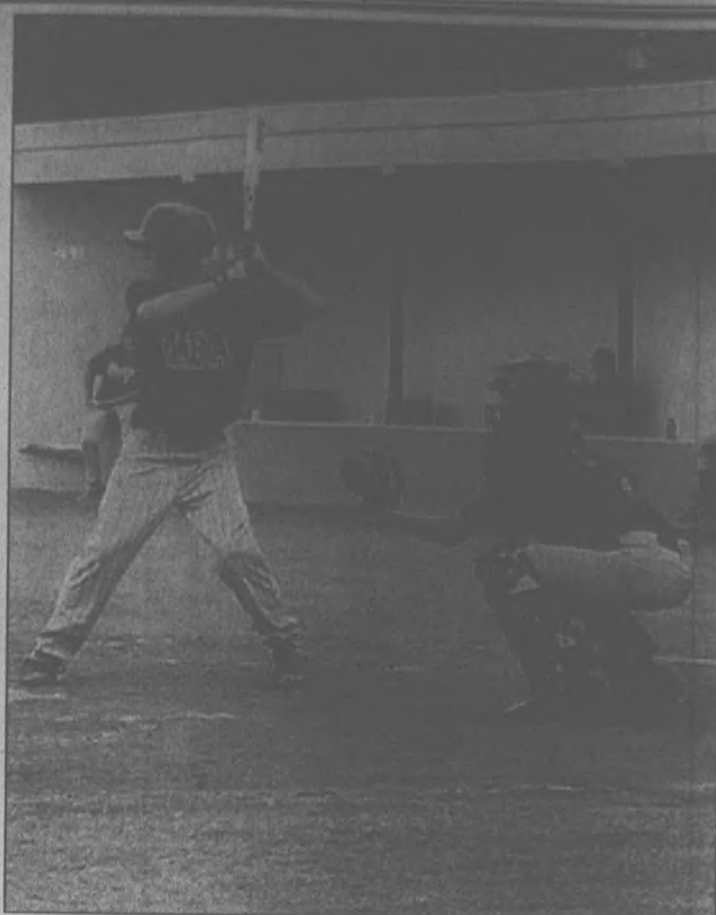
The Babe Ruth Steering Committee continues to secure sponsors for the county-wide event. Sponsorships begin with a title sponsorship for \$20,000, corporate sponsorship for \$5,000, event sponsorship for \$1,500 and a team sponsorship for \$1,000. Program ads range from \$40 - \$300. For more information, contact Dwight Mikel at 334-222-7114 or email [dwmikel@cityofandalusia.com](mailto:dwmikel@cityofandalusia.com).

In order for the event to be a success, volunteers are needed. If you would like to be a volunteer for the World Series, contact Mark Ingram at 334-427-3330 or [mark.ingram@power-south.com](mailto:mark.ingram@power-south.com). Volunteers are needed for concessions, vendor sales, ticket sales and program sales.

The 13-15 Babe Ruth League World Series runs from Aug. 17-24, 2007, at Crum Possee Field on the campus of LBW Community College in Andalusia, Ala.

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ELBA DIXIE MAJORS.... a batter is ready at the plate in action from the Dixie Majors season. The Elba Dixie Majors had a busy month of action in May and June.

## Elba Dixie Majors helps players get ready for next season

For the first time in several years, Elba had a Dixie Majors team consisting entirely of Elba High School students.

The young men of the team chose to sacrifice their summer to hone their talents in hopes of improving their overall playing skills before the 2008 season. The majority will hopefully be trying out for the varsity and

junior varsity teams as next season approaches.

Also giving up their summer, to coach the team - not to play, were former Elba standouts Chase Boutwell and Steven Driggers. Helping them this summer was parent-coach Don Pope. Assisting them at times was former teammate, another Elba standout, Brad Sullivan.

## Alabama State Parks provide vacation plans near home

With the rising costs of gasoline, many vacationers are looking for summer recreation they can drive to that is close to home and won't put a dent in their pocketbook. The fun and excitement is practically right outside your back door and it won't cost you "an arm and a leg" to go there.

Alabama's 22 State Parks are centrally located throughout the state and offer a wide range of affordable amenities for vacationers. Campers can choose from primitive camping to full hook ups for recreational vehicles. Those that wish to stay indoors can opt for resort lodging or cabins, many of which are brand new.

While staying at an Alabama State Park, visitors can enjoy picnicking, hiking, biking, swimming, fishing, boating, golfing, and much more in locations ranging from the north Alabama mountains to

the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico.

Another convenience for park goers is to purchase an Alabama State Park Gift Card to use at most facilities, eliminating the need for carrying a lot of cash when enjoying a summer vacation. Guests simply purchase a gift card for the amount they wish and use it to pay for services such as food, golf, camping, lodging, etc., until the amount on the card is depleted.

Alabama State Park Gift Cards can be purchased at 20 of Alabama's 22 state parks wherever credit/debit cards are taken. There is no fee and no limit on the number of cards purchased.

To find out how to buy your Alabama State Park Gift Card, contact the Alabama State Parks at 1-800-ALA-PARK or visit [www.alapark.com](http://www.alapark.com)



**ELBA BASKETBALL COACHES ADD TO TEAMS...**Elba basketball coaches Glen Johnson and Brian Peacock both added a player to their home team recently when both celebrated the birth of sons on the same day. Coach Johnson (left), the head boys basketball coach at Elba High, holds new addition Brady Michael, who was born on June 11, at 7:10 PM, while Coach Peacock, the head girls basketball coach at Elba High, holds Dawson Anthony, who was born on June 11, at 10:20 AM. Both Mom's, the head coaches at the house, are doing fine.

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## SPORTS



BRANTLEY ALL-STARS.... were all smiles last week after winning the Dixie Youth Sub-District 1 championship. The All-Stars will compete at the District Six Tournament this weekend at New Brockton.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

## At sub-district tournament

## Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars drop two straight games

The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars competed in the Dixie Sub-District Softball Tournament recently in Luverne and dropped two straight decisions in the double-elimination event.

Following are highlights of both games:

**Luverne 16 Elba 11** - The All-Stars opened the tournament against Luverne and were outscored 16-11. Elba grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Bethany Wilson reached on a walk and later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Janae Camley, then

moved ahead 4-1 in the second thanks to six walks. Luverne exploded for 10 runs in the bottom of the inning to take an 11-4 advantage. Cortlin Lee singled and later scored in the third inning as Elba cut the lead to 11-5, and the All-Stars scored 3 runs in both the fourth and seventh innings, only to see the rally fall short in the wild 16-11 defeat. Kayla Bagwell had a lead-off triple and scored on an rbi single by Molly McGuire to spark the fourth inning fireworks, while in the seventh four walks helped the Stars stay alive.

Molly McGuire, Bethany

Wilson, Cortlin Lee, Nicole Napper and Kayla Bagwell all had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Wilson, Lee and Cortnee Driggers all scored 2 runs.

**Covington Co. 7 Elba 6** - The All-Stars saw an early 5-2 lead vanish late as Covington County rallied to oust Elba 7-6, in a losers bracket contest. Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead behind the hitting of Molly McGuire and Bethany Wilson, extended its lead to 3-1 in the second on a single by Sarah Bane and an rbi single by Kayla Bagwell, then went ahead 5-2 in the third as hits by Bethany



ELBA ALL-STARS.... were forced to settle for the runner-up spot in last week's Dixie Youth Sub-District 1 tournament. The All-Stars will compete this weekend at the District Six Tournament in New Brockton.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

## Life jackets will save lives for boaters during busy holidays

As the July 4th holiday remains one of the busiest boating weekends of the year, safety advocates say life jackets could play a pivotal role in keeping boaters out of harm's way this holiday.

Research conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard continues to indicate that wearing a life jacket is the number one safety precaution boaters can take on the water: in 2005, 87 percent of boating fatalities victims who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

"When you are heading out to the water for a day of relaxation on your boat, the last thing you usually think about is the possibility of running into trouble," says Virgil Chambers, Executive Director of the National Safe Boating Council, the organization that produces the annual "Wear It!" campaign. "But accidents happen in an instant, and if you aren't wearing your life jacket, the reality is that you probably won't have time to reach for a stowed one."

This year, Christa Miller, star on the hit comedy "Scrubs" and mother of three, is joining the effort, by lending her voice to encourage the women and moms of families in communities across America to be pro-

active about making sure their family members and friends wear - and don't just stow - their life jackets. Known as the safety "gatekeepers" in the family, women, Christa says, can play a huge role in making sure their loved ones make a habit out of staying safe. "It should just be second nature to put on your life jacket before getting on a boat. It only takes a second - but that second could save your life or the life of someone you love."

Although life jackets have received more visibility in recent years, a major obstacle to wearing them, says Chambers, is that boaters often think, "It can't happen to me." In order to ensure a national dialogue about life jackets and to remind boaters that accidents can indeed happen when least expected, Miller is using her celebrity to promote the national "Be a Survivor!" contest - a summer-long initiative that encourages recreational boaters of all ages to submit their personal stories on how the life jacket has made a difference in their boating experiences. Boaters can enter online at [www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com](http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com).

Elba jumped on top 1-0 in the top of the first when Lindsey Camley ripped a lead-off double and later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Jessica Center, but the score remained at 1-0 for the next three innings as the All-Stars carried the slim 1-0 lead into the top of the fifth. Michelle Aruz reached on a walk and stole her way around the bases in the fifth as Elba upped its lead to 2-0, while the All-Stars finally took command in the sixth as they plated 3 runs to take a 5-0 advantage. A lead-off triple by Lindsey Camley sparked the sixth inning fireworks, while Holly Bass and

## Elba All-Stars open with win at Dixie Debs District

The Elba Dixie Debs All-Stars began play Friday night in the Dixie Softball District Six Softball Tournament and posted a 7-1 win over the Luverne All-Stars.

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Melanie Mularz both added singles, and Amy King knocked in 1 run when a hard grounder was mishandled by the Luverne infield. Luverne used two hits and a walk to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the sixth. However, Elba added 2 runs in the seventh, with the key hit being an rbi single by Holly Bass, and the All-Stars held on to claim the 7-2 win.

Lindsey Camley had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Holly Bass added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Morgan Battey and Melanie Mularz both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Michelle Aruz scored the other Elba run. Morgan Battey pitched all seven innings to get the win inside the circle and held Luverne to 1 run on 7 hits, while striking out 9 batters.

ELBA DIXIE DEBS.... Elba All-Star Kayla Miller is tagged out at second base on a steal attempt in action last week at the Dixie Debs District Softball Tournament.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

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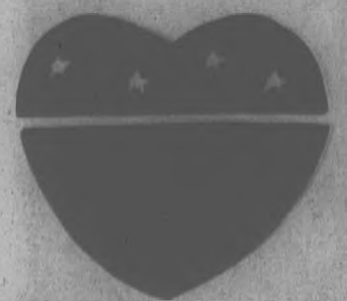


### Application Process open for Habitat for Humanity House

The application process is open to those wishing to apply for the Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Elba. The project currently is in the fund raising stages. The lead sponsor of the project is the Elba Rotary Club.

Those families interested in applying for this Habitat for Humanity house should stop by the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located on Putnam Street in Elba, to pick up an application.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, July 31.



Elba firefighter Wesley DeVane is shown handing a MDA sticker to a motorist last Saturday morning after she made a donation to the department's MDA Fill the Boot fund drive to help "Jerry's Kids." The Elba Fire Department holds the fund drive every year.



Firefighters Wayne Jackson, Jeffrey Fuller and Josh Mack manned the Troy Highway intersection during last Saturday's MDA boot drive. Firefighters along with family and friends were dispatched all across the city at major intersection points to try and raise money for "Jerry's Kids." Their efforts proved successful as more than \$3,000 was raised during the 4-hour event from 8 a.m. - Noon.



Elba resident Jerome Ward is shown making a donation to the fire department's MDA Fill the Boot Drive held last Saturday in Elba. Ward placed his money in a boot being held by Brian Blair, a friend of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Blair is interested in one day being an Elba fireman and often helps the local department in any way he can. Reportedly, he plans to apply to become a member of the department once he reaches the age of 18, which will be later this month. Several other family and friends also assisted the members of the fire department with last weekend's boot drive.

Firefighter Randy Hawthorne received assistance from his stepson, Hayden, during last Saturday's boot drive. Hayden's participation was one of many examples of family and friends helping out.



Firefighters Todd McKee and Alan Willis stood at the downtown intersection of Davis and Factory streets last Saturday morning taking donations for the Fill the Boot drive. During the boot drive, firefighters could be found at most all major intersections in Elba.



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## New Brockton Town Council approves pay raise for employees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council voted unanimously Monday evening, July 2, to give a cost-of-living raise to employees.

Mayor Charles Cole recommended the council approve a cost-of-living raise for employees in the police and street departments, as well as, to the town clerk. Council member Jeff White made a motion with a

second from council member Richard Driskell to give full-time employees of the police and street departments and the town clerk a 50 cents per hour cost-of-living raise. The motion also called for a 25 cents per hour cost-of-living raise for one part-time employee with the police department.

All council members in attendance voted to approve the motion. Council member Vicky Harrison was not at the meeting.

Following a brief discussion, the council voted to post a sign on Rudd Road indicating the road is closed and motorists travel at their own risk on the road. The closing of the road was an immediate action.

Mayor Cole said the road is a dirt street that is seldom used except by hunters and people going to private property. He said the street department does not have the necessary equipment to clean and keep the road

up for safe travel.

Driskell agreed with the mayor in that the road is used primarily by hunters. He said he did not see where it would be a problem to close the road.

Another road project with much interest in New Brockton is Tyler Street. During the council meeting, Mayor Cole said the road should be ready for travel at least by mid-July if not before.

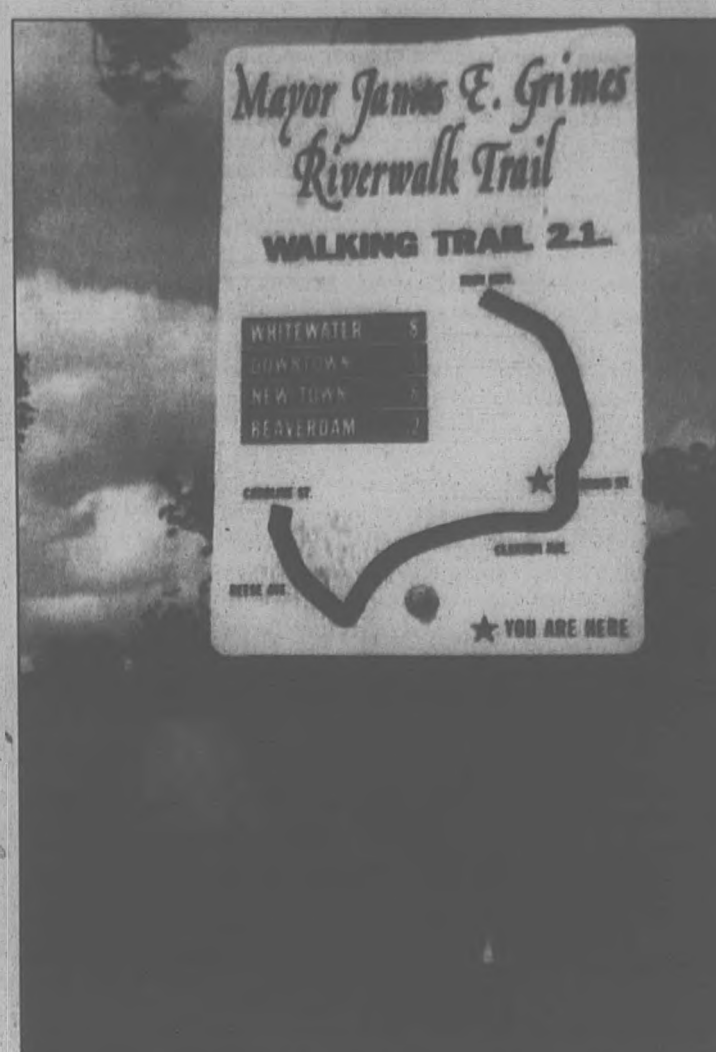
Council members voted to approve Phase II of the Mayberry Place subdivision. White said the contractors are eager to begin selling lots for Phase II.

Council members also voted during the meeting to work with the Red Cross in an effort to get the town hall building designated as a Red Cross shelter, if feasible.

Elaine Roberts, disaster director of operations for Coffee County Red Cross, discussed this issue with the council. She said the town does not currently have a Red Cross shelter, and it would be nice to have one in time of emergency.

Roberts seemed to think the current town hall building (the old armory) would be perfect for a shelter. She mentioned only a few minor upgrades the building might need including handicapped restroom facilities. Roberts told council members

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**WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE...** As of this week, those taking advantage of the Mayor James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail stop a portion of the levee in Elba can now easily calculate the distance they have walked or will walk from any entrance spot of the trail. The City of Elba placed signs (like the one shown above) at the entrance points for the walking trail earlier this week. Each sign shows the walker her exact location and breaks down the distance from each entry spot in color-coded sections. The entire walking distance of the trail is 2.1 miles.

## Elba City Council conducts very brief meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening without Mayor James Grimes who was out of town. Also absent was council member Mike McKee.

Mayor ProTem Ronnie Hammond presided over the short meeting, briefly reviewing the financial statement, getting approval to pay the monthly bills and presenting a resolution for approval.

The resolution approved by the council authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a transportation enhancement project in Elba. This is commonly called the Downtown Elba project.

Monthly bills totaling \$84,526.45 were approved for payment. Hammond reviewed the list and pointed out to council members the highest accounts and briefly explained what each of these expenditures covered if the purpose was not clear by the vendor name.

Eight months into the fiscal year several categories are already over budget but the overall city

budget is well within the budgeted funds. However total income for the year is down about the amount of cost savings.

## Elba man faces multiple charges following assault and abduction

Related complaints and a joint investigation by the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department last week led to the arrest of a Coffee County resident on multiple charges.

Local law enforcement received complaints Monday evening, July 2, of the abduction and assault of an Elba woman and her minor son. Responding to the complaints, police arrested Ken Allen Cochran, age 39, of 129 County Rd. 515, Elba.

Cochran was taken into custody on County Rd. 248 by Coffee County deputies within a short time of the initial complaint. He was charged with two counts of kidnapping first degree, burglary first degree, and attempted murder.

According to reports, Cochran allegedly kidnapped an Elba

woman and her son. He also reportedly assaulted the woman with a baseball bat.

According to law enforcement officials, Cochran was apparently out of jail on bond on a domestic violence charge when last week's incident occurred.

Cochran's bond was set at \$50,000 with a \$20,000 cash bond on the attempted murder charge; \$20,000 bond on the first degree burglary charge; \$30,000 each on the two counts of kidnapping first degree charges; and \$1,000 bond on a domestic violence third degree charge.

The investigation into this incident continues and Cochran remained in the Coffee County Jail earlier this week.

The victim reportedly is still recovering from her injuries.

## County engineer reports brief closing of County Rd. 239 for work

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted a routine and short meeting Monday, July 9, in New Brockton.

In regards to old business, commissioners opened bids for inmate pharmacy services at the county jail. Six companies submitted bids for this services including three local companies.

After all bids had been opened, Commission Chairman Jim Thompson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Doug Dalrymple to table to allow the jail administrator and county attorney to look over all bids. This motion passed by a unanimous vote (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not in attendance).

Resident Adrian Jerkins addressed commissioners to ask for permission to use one of the sheds on the county complex property for a benefit barbecue later this month. He said the benefit barbecue is for his son who had a stroke approximately two years ago.

Jerkins said he needs a shed for the cooking of the barbecue. Commissioners unanimously voted to allow Jerkins the use of a shed for this benefit barbecue.

County engineer Randy Tindell announced the closure of County Road 239 beginning Tuesday, July 10, to allow for the replacement of a cross-drain pipe. He said the road will be closed for approximately one week depending on the weather. Tindell said detour signs will be posted during this project time.

During his report to commissioners, Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R. W. Whitworth said the month of June was very busy for the sheriff's department and July has thus far continued that busy streak.

Whitworth said the jail averaged 162 inmates during the month of June.

Finally, commissioners approved a motion made by

Commissioner J.L. Weeks to rescind a motion made at the last meeting regarding phone system services at the county jail. He said the county is currently under contract and said this matter will be looked at later.

Before adjourning, several commissioners welcomed new

county administrator Kathy Lolley to the job. Monday was Lolley's first official day on the job. She simply observed during Monday's commission meeting.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, July 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton (right) and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth (left) were guest speakers during a recent Elba Lions Club meeting. The sheriff and chief deputy gave club members a brief update of the going-ons at the sheriff's department and county jail. Sheriff Sutton assured the members that his administration is in control of the jail and continuously working to improve that facility. Lion member L.C. Cook (center) is shown with Sutton and Whitworth.

## Area Happenings

Elba Lions Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 a.m. at the Elba Lions Club.

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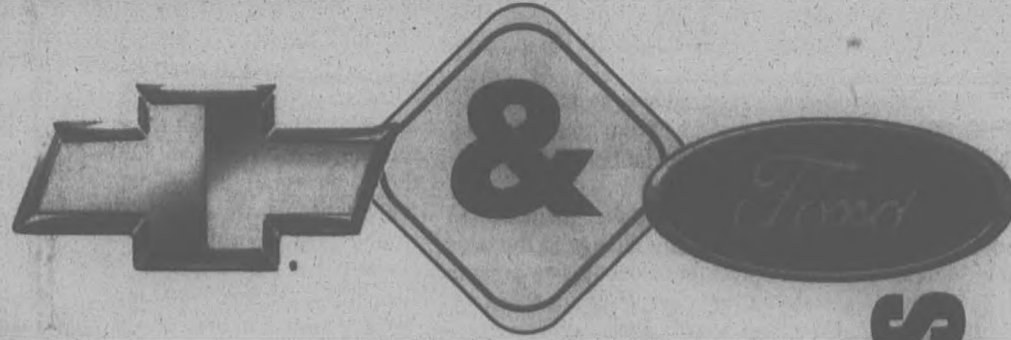
Firefighter Johnny Manning

Hannah; and three grandchildren, Cameron, Kelsey and Valeigh-Belle. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

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